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EXTRACT FROM "JAPAN TIMES & ADVERTISER"

January 23, 1941.

CABINET TAKES STEP TO 100,000,000 GOAL
IN POPULATION DRIVE

EAST ASIA LEADERSHIP REQUIRES EXPANDING
NUMBERS, IMPROVED QUALITIES, OFFICIALS
SAY

DUAL POLICY OUTLINED

GOVERNMENT WILL ATTEMPT TO RAISE BIRTH RATE, CUT
DEATH TOLL

VARIOUS AIDS PROPOSED

Fundamental principles of Japan's population policy were decided on at the special Cabinet meeting in the official residence of the Premier Wednesday, Domei reports.

Mr. Naoki Hoshino, president of the Cabinet Planning Board, made detailed explanations on the policy while the Welfare, Education, and War Ministers expressed their opinions.

With minor changes, in wording, however, the draft of a bill relating to the population policy was unanimously approved by the members of the Cabinet. In this connection a statement was issued by the Board of information immediately after the meeting.

According to this statement, the Government has been brought to establish a new population policy to increase the population of this country quickly and incessantly, to enhance the quality of the Japanese, and to correct the distribution of the Japanese race so as to secure the leadership of Japan over East Asia.

GOAL at 100,000,000

To this end, the goal for the total population of Japan proper in 1935 has been set at 100,000,000. This is to enable Japan to expand its population without stop, to surpass other countries in the rate of population increase as well as in the quality of race, to secure adequate man power for military and economic purposes, and to keep the supremacy of Japan over other races in East Asia.

The Government will make payments to newlyweds, cut the marriageable age by three years. The goal is five children per couple.

Efforts will be made to heighten the birth rate, and lower the death rate, and for the propagation of the view of the world based on family and race instead of the individual.

For heightening the birth rate in this country, marriages will be promoted by special bureaus designated by the Government, expenditures on weddings will be restricted, employment of women over 20 will be restricted as much as possible, and priority in materials will be given to prolific families.

Birth Control Banned

At the same time, various systems will be instituted for the protection of mothers and infants, and birth control through the practice of abortion and use of medicines will be prohibited strictly.

In order to lower the death rate, the Government will make special efforts for the prevention of tuberculosis as well as the protection of infants from death. According to a Government plan, the death rate in Japan will be reduced by 35 per cent in the next 20 years.

As a means of elevating the quality of the nation, the Government will try to redistribute population with stress laid on the reduction of the population of large cities such as Tokyo and Osaka.

Farmers Held Static

At the same time, it will keep the farming population in this country at a certain level as the farming villages are considered to be the best source of soldiers and laborers.

It will expand sports facilities for the rearing of stout and healthy youths, and institute a system through which young men can receive special spiritual and physical training for a certain period of time.

In this connection, Dr. Nobumi Ito, president of the Board of Information, told Domei that since the establishment of the Greater East Asia Co-prosperity Sphere is the greatest mission ever delegated to the Japanese, they must hold the responsibility as the leaders of East Asia.

"To become the leader of the Orient," he said, "the Japanese must not only expand greatly in number but elevate themselves in quality.

"To achieve this end, individualistic ideas, and the practice of birth control in various forms, must be driven out of the minds of the public; the view of the world based on the family and race must be filtered into them, and early marriages and child-bearing in many numbers should be encouraged."

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Statement of Source and Authenticity

I, Katuiti Ikawa hereby certify that I am officially connected with the Japanese Government in the following capacity: Secretary of Cabinet and that as such official I have custody of the records of the Cabinet Meeting and the decisions referred to in the attached newspaper article described as follows: Extract from the Japan Times & Advertiser, Jan 23, 1941 entitled Cabinet takes step to 100,000,000 goal in population drive. I further certify that the attached newspaper article correctly represents in substance the decisions of the Cabinet Meeting of the date referred to.

Signed at Tokyo on this
10 day of Oct, 1946

/s/ K. Ikawa
Signature of Official

SEAL

Witness: /s/ Tomoo Satow

Secretary of Cabinet
Official Capacity

Statement of Official Procurement

I, John Curtis, hereby certify that I am associated with the General Headquarters of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, and that the above certification was obtained by me from the above signed official of the Japanese Government in the conduct of my official business.

Signed at Tokyo on this
16 day of Oct., 1946

/s/ J. A. Curtis 2d Lt.
NAME

Witness: /s/ Sgt T. Toguchi

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目 標 一 億

右ノ趣旨ニ基キ一九三五年ノ昭和十年ノ内地全人
口目標ハ一億トス之ハ日本人口ヲ間斷ナク増加サセ
増殖率及資質ニ於テ他國ヲ凌駕シ軍事的竝ニ經濟的
目的ニ應ズル人カヲ確保シ且又東亞諸民族ニ對スル
優越性ヲ確保セシガ爲メデアアル。

政府ハ新婚者ニハ婚資ヲ給スルコトトシ婚姻年齡ヲ
三年早ム。一夫婦ニ子供五人ヲ目標トス。

出産率ノ増加、死亡率ノ低下及ビ個人ニ代フルニ家
ト民族トヲ基盤トスル世界觀ノ徹底等ニ努カス。

吾國ニ於ケル出産率ヲ増加セシムル爲政府ハ特別ノ
機關ヲ指定シテ結婚ヲ奨励シ結婚費用ハ輕減シ二十
オラ歳ユ女子ノ雇傭ハ出來ル限り制限シ且多子家族
ニ對シテハ物資ヲ優先的ニ配給ス。

産兒制限ハ禁止

同時ニ、母性並ニ乳幼兒ノ保護ノ爲ニ種々ナル制度
ヲ増立シ又墮胎行爲及藥品ノ使用ニヨル産兒制限ハ
嚴重ニ禁止ス。

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死亡率ヲ低下セシムガ爲メ政府ハ結核豫防及ビ乳幼児ノ死亡防止ニ特別ナ努力ヲ拂フ。政府ノ計畫ニ依レバ日本ニ於ケル死亡率ハ今後二十年間ニ、三割五分ヲ減少ス。

國民ノ資質向上ノ手段トシテ政府ハ大都市特ニ東京、大阪等ニ於ケル人口ノ減少ニ重點ヲ於キ人口再配置ニ努力ヲ拂フ。

農村ハ現状維持

同時ニ農村ガ兵力及勞力ノ最優秀ノ供給源タルニ雖ミ吾國農業人口ヲ一定水準ニ維持ス娯樂ナル青年養成ノ爲メ體育施設ヲ擴充シ青年ヲシテ一定期間特別ナ精神的肉體的訓練ヲ受ケシム制度ヲ創設ス。之ニ關シテ情報局長伊藤通史博士ハ同盟ニ對シ「大東亞共榮圈確立ハ日本人ニ託サレタル一大使命デアラルカラ日本人タルモノハ東亞ノ指導者トシテノ責任ヲ負ヒシナケレバナラヌ」ト語り又「亞細亞ノ指導者タランガ爲メニハ日本人ハ彼ニ於テ大イニ増加スルノミナラズ資質ニ於テモ向上ヲ計ラネバナラナイ此ノ目的ヲ達センガ爲メニハ個人主義的思想及種々ナル方式ノ産兒制限行爲ハ民衆ノ心カラ根絶セシメ家族ト民族トニ基盤ヲ置イタ世界觀ガ民衆ノ心ノ内ニ滲透セシメラレネバナラヌ且早婚ト多産ガ奨励サルベキデアラル」ト語ノタ。

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證 明 書

「ワシントン」文書局 第
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文書ノ出所及ビソノ真正ナルコトノ陳述
余、井川克一ハ余ガ下記ノ資格ニ於テ、即チ内閣
書記官トシテ、日本政府ト公的関係ニ在ルモノナ
ルコト更ニ該官吏トシテ茲ニ添附セラレアル一九
四一年ノ昭和十六年ノ一月二十三日附「ジヤペン
タイムス・アンド・アドヴァタイザー」紙ノ一億人
ヲ目標トスル人口増加運動ニ内閣對策ヲ講ズト題
サレタ新聞記事抜萃ニオイテ引用サレタ閣議記録
及ビ決議ノ文書ヲ保管セルコトヲ證明ス。
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千九百四十六年ノ昭和二十一年ノ十月十日

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ハ余ガ公榜上、日本政府ノ上記署名官吏ヨリ入手シ
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